

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3363 - SB 3707

March 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a prescription drug re-dispensing pilot program for indigent patients developed and implemented by the Board of Pharmacy through which unused prescription medications, other than controlled substances, may be transferred from a nursing home or hospice to distribute to indigent residents of nursing homes or charitable clinics. The Board must monitor the pilot program and submit two reports with any recommendations or findings to the General Assembly with one being submitted by January 1, 2011 and the second being submitted by January 1, 2012. No drug dispensed pursuant to the provisions of the bill will be eligible for TennCare reimbursement. The pilot program shall take effect on September 1, 2010 and shall terminate on July 1, 2012.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Pharmacy

Assumptions:

- The Board of Pharmacy will promulgate rules about drug donations from donor patients and rules to establish specific requirements to qualify for participation in the program.
- Necessary rulemaking will be accomplished during regularly scheduled meetings and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- There will not be a significant increase in expenditures for the Board to monitor the program and report its findings to the General Assembly.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a balance of \$261,783.99. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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